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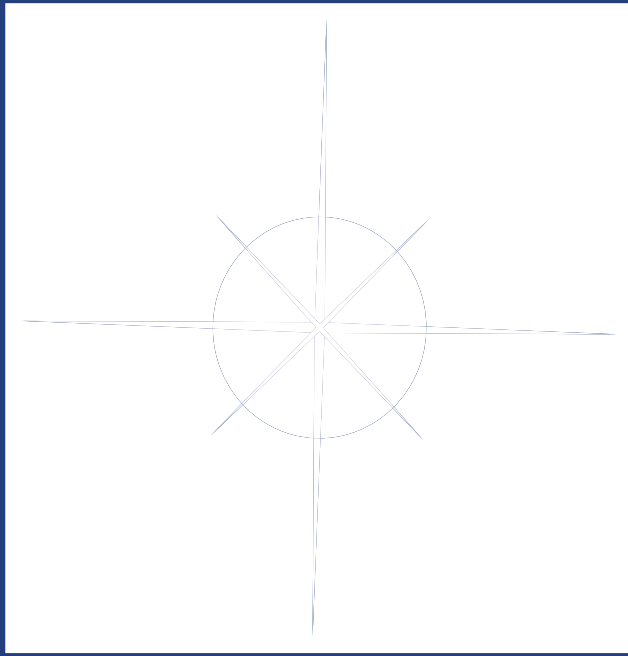
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Walter M. Kimbrough, Ph.D.

## A New Chapter

I always look forward to a new academic year. We begin that cycle all over again where new students and their families are embraced by the Dillard community, and it signals for our seniors that their collegiate career is near an end. All of the classes, lectures, performances and athletic contests in between make for a great experience for all associated with the university.

But this fall was special. It marked the end of the Katrina recovery years. With the opening of Straight and Camphor Halls, and with Hartzell close behind, campus feels different this year. There is much more activity, much more life on campus as students move to and from classes, in and out of Kearny Hall, and most noticeably, spending time on the campus grounds getting to know each other.

Recent speaker Jim Wallis made an incredibly profound point about the value of residential, church-related colleges and universities. He said, “Education has to be more than just information. It has to be formation.” He said education is too much about learning stuff, and giving it back. But more important is how students are formed, and what kind of people they become.

This key point is completely absent in the rush toward on-line education, led by for-profit companies. Clearly they are mostly interested in their bottom line. Missing from these institutions is any conversation about the formation of men and women; it is simply about credentials.

I believe now more than ever this nation has to be in the formation business. Dillard University has been in that business since the beginning, and we have a key role to play going forward. So as we move from the Katrina recovery years, we realize that the world has changed significantly. It is our task to define Dillard in a way that communicates clearly to the world our value.

This is exciting work for an exciting time.

Walter M. Kimbrough, Ph.D.  
*President*



## President's Bleu Pride Rising tour reconnects alumni

Dr. Walter Kimbrough traveled far and wide bringing the current state of Dillard University affairs to alumni in 11 cities to reconnect them to their alma mater. Alumni chapters from Washington D.C. to Los Angeles met the president in churches, homes and restaurants where he gave them DU updates in photo slide shows.

"These meet-and-greet tours were really information sessions since alumni were disconnected and didn't have a true sense of the state of the university," said Dr. Kimbrough, who traveled from last fall through the summer of 2013. "So these were more state of the university tours. This year they are more informal meet and greet sessions."

Bleu Pride Rising tours resume later this fall with visits to alumni chapters in St. Louis, Lafayette and Alexandria, La., because according to the president, "People need to know where we are, and what we need to go forward."

Dr. Kimbrough sets out this fall on recruiting college-ready students through our partnership with KIPP schools around the nation. His

KIPP school visits will take him to Washington D.C., Houston, Oakland, Calif., New York and Newark, as well as high schools in Lafayette and Alexandria, La.

## Dressing for success made easier with Clothes Closet

The DU Clothes Closet opened Sept. 19 on the first floor of Stern Hall. Professional and career casual outfits are on hangers and racks to suit the taste of men and women.

The closet contains new and gently worn garments donated by professionals along with new outfits given by Dillard's, Macy's, and other department stores.

Students in need of professional attire can contact DiAnna Holliday Woods for an appointment to enter the Clothes Closet after getting a referral from Career Services Director, Caretta Cooke. Contact Woods at (504) 816-4306 to make donations.

*Dr. Kevin Bastian, assistant vice president for student success and support services, helps freshman Demani Lewis select an outfit in the Clothes Closet.*



Acoyar Callis, '17



Emole Anya Dimgba, '14



Victor Ogburie, '14



Serigne Mbacke Sene, '17

## Recipients of Tom Joyner Foundation Hercules Scholarships

Tom Joyner, a syndicated radio personality promoted Dillard University during his July morning broadcasts and helped raise scholarships for four exceptional students.

Students who received the scholarships include Acoyar Callis, '17, biology major, psychology minor, from Ripon, Calif.; Emole Anya Dimgba, '14, computer science major, physics and mathematics minor from Nigeria; Victor Ogburie, '14, physics major, computer science and mathematics minor from Charlotte, N.C.; and computer science major, Serigne Mbacke Sene, '17, from Thies, Senegal.

The "Hercules Scholars" honored by the Tom Joyner Foundation prove that with hard work and dedication, students can maintain high academic standards. Each scholarship winner received a \$1,500 grant based on his major, GPA and community involvement. This year, each recipient had a 4.0 GPA.

The Hercules Scholarship is named after Joyner's father, the late Hercules Joyner, who was a strong supporter of higher education.



## ALUMNI ACHIEVMENT

### Grad gives back

*Alumnus thanks Dillard for Helping Him Find His Voice and Calling*



*Melvin Sylvester, '61*

Growing up with three brothers in the 1940's and 50's, Melvin Sylvester's, '61, mother taught her boys that staying quiet would keep them safe from trouble with the New Orleans police. It worked. He was never arrested. Thankfully, the muzzle on his mouth, didn't impact his desire to learn.

"I found my voice at Dillard University," says Sylvester. It wasn't until he got to Dillard, where he discovered a community of black intellectuals, that he found his real voice, his calling, and his place in the world.

Today he's intent on giving others the same opportunities he had to strengthen his voice by establishing the *Melvin and Frances Sylvester Scholarship Fund* for Dillard students. Sylvester credits so much to his education at the university for paving the way to his professional career path. "Now," he says, "it's time for us to give back."

Sylvester credits the experience of

attending a historically black university with building his confidence and exposing him to people of color who were accomplishing great things in fields as divergent as cancer research and theater production. Unlike the world outside of the school's gates, Dillard was a place where race was not a barrier to leadership. "Black students could be on the student council, raise their hands and talk in class, be heard," says Sylvester. These were not small things in the late 50's and early 60's, when southern schools remained segregated.

After graduating with a degree in the natural sciences, Sylvester received a Master of Science in Library Sciences and a Master of Education from Long Island University. He worked there too as the head of the library's periodicals department, and later as a full professor from 1988 until his retirement in 2005.

Sylvester devoted most of his career at LIU to finding and organizing resources chronicling achievements by African Americans. He compiled extensive bibliographies on African Americans in the motion pictures, African Americans in the Old West, African Americans in the visual arts and African Americans in the sports arena. He also uncovered topics that touched on a world of African Americans' accomplishments, victories, and histories that were being ignored by a mainstream culture.

## ALUMNI ACHIEVMENT

### Wide Horizons

*DU Grad Urges Students to Aim for the World in Career Goals*

Dream big. That's Stephanie Woodard's, '08, advice to students at Dillard University who aspire to a career in international affairs. The grad's big dreams have gotten her all the way to Islamabad, Pakistan, where she serves as a Foreign Service Officer in the U.S. Department of State.

Woodard credits her excellent mentors and professors at Dillard, especially in social science and french. Dillard's small student body and accessible professors were key components to

her success. "I could bring my dreams and big ideas to professors who helped develop a plan to manifest them," she says. "Everything I've been able to do would not have been possible without their support."

Woodard received a Melton fellowship and Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program fellowship during her time at Dillard. Through the Rangel Fellowship she flourished even more. She worked on Capitol Hill with Sheila Jackson Lee, U.S. Representative from

Texas; earned a master's degree in international affairs from Columbia University; and was groomed for a Foreign Service Officer's position with the U.S. State Department.

Upon graduation the State Department sent her to Mumbai, India for two years where she interviewed more than 100 people seeking U.S. visas. She also organized a round table event involving Valerie Jarrett, a senior advisor to President Barack Obama, and Indian women entrepreneurs in the

## Centenarian Shares Love for Dillard

*100-Year Old Alumna's Campus Visit Brightens Up the Oaks*



*Stephanie Woodard, '08*

Mumbai area. "Seeing Ms. Jarrett interact with the women was an inspiring experience and made me prouder than ever to be working for my country," says Woodard, noting that working for an administration that sees women's and children's issues as top priorities makes her job even more appealing.

After her time in Mumbai, Woodard landed in Islamabad, Pakistan where she now reviews portfolios of those seeking asylum in the United States. It's a difficult task, she says since many people from both Afghanistan and Pakistan face violence and persecution for their religious or political beliefs.

Difficult working conditions have not made her cynical. Woodard believes that people are more alike than different. She says she looks for ways to bridge perceived differences and encourages future Dillard graduates to consider Foreign Service or international relations careers.

"The world needs you," she says. "The world needs people who are open minded, willing to share their culture and learn about others."

It's not everyday that a 100-year-old Dillard University graduate makes her way to campus to engage with students, staff and faculty. That's just what centenarian Catherine Weatherfore Delandro, '60, did recently.

"I love you Dillard University," said the alumna, who stopped by the Alumni House for a photo shoot and campus tour this semester.

"Bonjour, mes amies, bonjour," she said interspersing French with English, both her major and minor as a Dillard undergraduate. She graduated with her master's degree in English from LSU-NO and taught school for more than 25 years.

Delandro started college as a non-traditional student in 1956 at the urging of her two children, Gloria and Donald. "Gloria graduated from here. She's passed on now, but I want you to know that she was a beautiful woman. She majored in music. My son attended Southern in Baton Rouge. I came here because of them."

Delandro, who turned 100 on Aug. 8, visited campus with the help of her great-nephew, Joseph Armant, '07,



*Catherine Weatherfore Delandro, '60*

who said she did domestic work to pay for her children's college educations. Once they graduated from college, they paid for their mother to attend college.

"She was so excited about coming here today," Armant said. "She had to get her hair done and make sure everyone was fine with her coming onto campus."

Starting an "Alma Mater" impromptu sing-along after entering the Alumni House, Ms. Catherine Delandro thanked her greeters for allowing her to come back "to a wonderful place that changed my life forever."

### FACULTY/STAFF EXCELLENCE

## DU honors Professor for Long Service



*Dr. Walter Kimbrough, Dr. Violet Bowers and Human Resources Director Randy Dukes recognize Bowers' 54 years as a Dillard employee at the Fall Faculty Staff Institute in August.*



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

## Summer Breaks: Not for Those Who Focus on the Future



Brittanye Linton, '15 and Mrs. Adria Kimbrough

### Spending Summer Making Music Molds Junior's Future

Brittanye Linton, '15, of Chicago, is majoring in music industry. This songwriter and recording artist spent her summer at home involved in a program called, "The Music Lab." It was a 6-week engagement, sponsored by the After School Matters program, for songwriters, producers, singers, and rappers. The young artists were allowed to receive free studio time and were guaranteed a shot at one big performance.

"I've been in this program since my junior year in high school where I recorded for the first time ever," said Linton, a rising vocalist and pianist.

"I love it and I've been able to enhance my artistic skills."

She goes by the stage name of B. Lin and has a new single on *iTunes* called *Untouchable*. Singing is her passion and whenever she has free time she usually finds herself in the studio or helping others around campus. She is a leader that leaders emulate and strives for excellence both inside and out of the classroom. Linton says she hopes to land a singing contract. As she nurtures her skills in music, performing and singing, Linton says she foresees a future extending her "God-given" talent while remaining passionate and humble.

### Senior Sets Career Sights on Google

Takunda Jora, '14, a native of Zimbabwe, spent 11 weeks working at Google's headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. He completed a paid internship helping Google team members resolve spamming issues that the company uses special tools to eradicate.

"It was the most fun I've ever had at work," said Jora, a computer science major, who hopes to land a full-time job at the world's most creative search engine design company.

Google supplies bikes for all its employees to use. For Jora riding a bike around a colorful corporate campus made him feel like he was back at school. "It was fun. I can't talk much about what I did for them. Google is private and I hope to work there after I graduate."

Takunda Jora, '14



Lyndon C. Catalan, '15

### Robotic Training Captivates Physics Major

Lyndon C. Catalan, '15, Hayward, Calif., majoring in physics and mechanical engineering, spent his summer interning at MASS Precision, Inc. in Santa Clara, Calif. For 13 weeks, this Dean's list scholar put his Dillard University training to good use.

"I read blue prints for a building site engineer and assisted with finding the parts and combing parts for





a special CAT-Scan prototype called Robocouch,” said Catalan who got the internship through a friend at church.

Robocouch is a C-shaped scanning device that reads specialized areas of the body using a laser. It’s 40-feet wide and 40-feet long and emits enough light to illuminate a whole city block. This was a paid internship that Catalan hopes leads to a job when he graduates.

### Senior Spends Spring Semester, Plus Summer in Washington D.C.

Nicole Tinson, ’14, a political science major from Los Angeles, completed back-to-back internships in Washington D.C. this year. Her first was for the Congressional Black Caucus from January to May; and the next was for the Black Alliance for Educational Options, a non-profit that studies racial disparities in general education services nationwide.

Both positions afforded her experience she’ll need in the legal industry. “My time at both of my internships was well spent,” she said. “I learned so much about charter schools and the voucher education system. At the Caucus offices I focused more on policy initiatives and how they are shaped. I loved being there. Now, that I’m back at Dillard it’s full speed ahead to do well on the LSAT,” said Tinson, who took the law school entrance exam in October.



Nicole Tinson, ’14

### Dillard Freshman Flies the Friendly Skies

Treyvond Eden, ’17, of Honolulu, is majoring in physics and aeronautics engineering. This bright-eyed, freshman represents the fifth generation of Edens to attend Dillard. He spent his summer doing what a lot of incoming college students did—staying on the move. He just happened to be airborne, on an airplane, piloted by none other than himself.

“I was told that my first word was airplane, so I guess I’ve always been fascinated with flying,” said the self-taught, licensed private pilot, who is enrolled in Dillard’s “3 plus 2” program and the Air Force ROTC at Tulane University. “I started reading this book about flying called “Far Aim” when I was a kid and my mom surprised me on my 15<sup>th</sup> birthday with a chance to fly a plane.” That’s when he started gaining on-deck experience to acquire his pilot’s license. And his grandmother, Antoinette Eden, ’75, bought him his own Cessna that is parked at the Lakefront Airport.

On his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday, Eden took off from an airstrip in Columbus, Ga., with a licensed pilot monitoring how he operated a Cessna 172. Using a flight simulator and the *Federal Aviation Regulation/Aeronautical*

*Information Manual* (FAR AIM)

downloaded on his personal computer, Eden absorbed the information needed to drive, fly and land an airplane on his own. Shortly after turning 16, he was licensed to fly solo.

After college, Eden hopes to join the U.S. Air Force as an officer and fly cargo planes around the world, staying primarily in this orbit. “Space is cool,” he says. “It would be an amazing job flying a space craft one day, but NASA pilots rarely fly. Being in the Air Force, I’d get a lot more flying time. I just want to fly.”



Trey Eden, ’17



### Rain Showers Fail to Dampen Commencement Joy

The 180 graduates at this year's commencement didn't let the rain dampen their spirits even though they had to forego tradition to march inside another university's arena. Dillard's graduates received their diplomas at a May 11 ceremony presided over by President Walter Kimbrough in the Lakefront Arena at the University of New Orleans.

"It was a little disheartening at first...not being able to walk along the Oaks, but those feelings were put aside once I got my diploma," said Lyniece Catalan, 21, from Hayward, Calif., who earned her degree in criminal justice.

Dr. Kimbrough moved the ceremony indoors when the thunderstorms soaked the traditional Avenue of the Oaks on Dillard's campus. This was the third time in the university's history that commencement was held indoors. The university's rain plan calls for the ceremony to be held in its own Dent Hall, but the number of graduates and guests attending commencement these days exceeds the gymnasium's capacity. Jeff Johnson, an MSNBC contributor and White House correspondent for *The Grio*, gave the commencement address. Johnson analyzes race, politics, and pop culture for CNN, Huffington Post, and The Root.

Dillard hosted its Baccalaureate service in Lawless Chapel on May 9. Rev. Otis Moss III, the senior pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, encouraged students to move beyond their fears and realize they "have nothing to lose by stepping out into unknown areas of their lives." Moss published his first book, *Redemption in a Red Light District*, in 1999 and co-authored *The Gospel Re-Mix; How to Reach the Hip-Hop Generation* in 2006.

**1.** Baccalaureate rain didn't dampen students' spirits as they processed from Will Alexander library to Lawless Chapel. **2.** Rev. Otis Moss III delivers motivational message, "Nothing to Lose," to standing room only audience during baccalaureate service. **3.** Golden graduates lead the processional in the UNO Lakefront arena **4.** Retired New Orleans School Board member Gail Glapion returns for her golden anniversary. **5.** Walter J. Barker Prize recipient Lorenzo Capobianco and Jakara Porter, SGA president





**6.** Commencement speaker Jeff Johnson and President Kimbrough with alumna and honorary degree recipient Cynthia Butler-McIntyre, '76 take a moment while waiting for the procession to begin. **7.** L-R, Salutatorian and William Sutton Award winner Rachel Williams with Valedictorians Ezinne Eziyi and Lauren Lemonious **8.** Jessica Cunningham and Charlie Coleman, III **9.** Choir poses with graduating members **10.** Adria, Lydia, and Benjamin Barack Kimbrough congratulate their cousin Alexandria Broadnax **11.** Precious Igweke blows a kiss to family in the audience.



### Alumni Reunion Weekend 2013: Continuing the Legacy

More than 150 Dillard graduates attended the Alumni Reunion Weekend where the partying and reconnecting extended from May 9 to May 12. There were laughs, hugs, shout outs and showcasing.

Small business owners like graphic designer Miranda Jackson, '04, owner of PoshPixels in St. Louis, and Lana Chambliss, '88, co-owner of Bliss Café in New Orleans, showcased their businesses along with other DU alumni entrepreneurs.

The 1963 graduates had 21 of their 74-member class return to celebrate their Golden Anniversary as DU alumni. We hope to see many more alumni attend next year's reunion where more opportunities to recollect those Fair Dillard days will be held from May 8–11 during Alumni Reunion 2014.

Class of 1964 it's your turn to step out and show up!

*Right: Alumni mixing it up and shaking things around during their annual picnic on Kabacoff Plaza  
The classes of 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, and 2003 were represented well during this year's reunion.*







*Members of the Class of 2003 (from left) Sojourner Adbullah Gibbs, Bethany Williams, Angela Josiah and Karma Tanece Bailey*

*The Golden grads of the Class of '63*



*Rev. Otto Duncan, '62, Evelyn Culbertson Davenport, '62, Ella Lewis, '63 and Dr. Mtangulizi Sanyika, '63*

*Class members dancing at the Saturday night banquet.*

# Support our Scholar Athletes

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Thursday, February 27, 2014

*Monique Waiters - 2012 Scholarship Recipient*

*Jordan Kilson - 2013 Scholarship Recipient*



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## DILLARD vs. XAVIER

Women at 3 p.m., Men at 5 p.m.

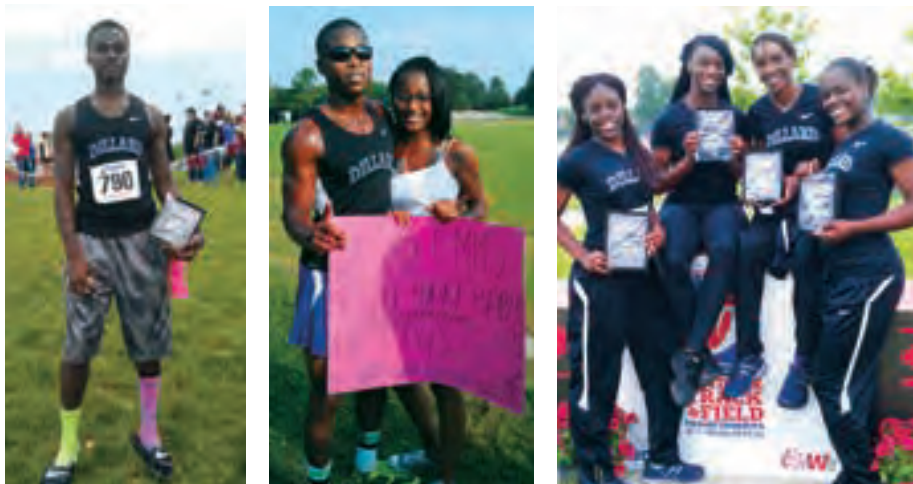
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L-R: Jevonte Ezzard, '15, (aka Bebop) achieved 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the Men's 400 Meter Dash at the NAIA National Championships in May. Emory Nash, '14 and Jackie Fuller, '15, finished 29<sup>th</sup> overall at the Wolf Pack Invitational. The Lady Bleu Devils 4x400 Meter Relay team, came in 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the Women's 4x400 Meter Relay at the NAIA National Championships in May. (L-R) LaQuanda James, '15, Courtney Henry, '14, Destinee Showell, '14 and Jonquil Griffin, '13.

### Track and Field Produce Five All-Americans

Despite a tough effort which nearly came down to the wire, the Dillard University Bleu Devils track and field team finished second overall at the 2013 GCAC Track and Field Conference Championships at Tad Gormley Stadium in New Orleans. The team placed behind Edward Waters for the second year in a row. Dillard finished with 188 points while Edward Waters ended the day with 212 points.

Riding on the success from the GCAC Track and Field Conference Championships, Dillard was able to produce five All-Americans at the NAIA Track and Field National Championships at Indiana Wesleyan University.

The Women's 4x100 Meter Relay team, led by Jonquil Griffin, '13, Destinee Showell, '14, Courtney Henry, '14, and LaQuanda James, '13, finished sixth in the nation with a time of 47.09.

Subsequently, Jevonte Ezzard, '15 finished fourth in the nation in the Men's 400 Meter Dash with a time of 47.53. These five student-athletes earned All-American honors with Ezzard, James, Henry and Showell earning two-time All-American accolades.



Jordan Kilson, '14, outruns two SUNO players during this year's GCAC conference tournament in Little Rock, Ark.

### Bleu Devils Take Second Place at GCAC Tourney

The number eight seed Dillard had its Cinderella run come to an abrupt halt in the championship game of the 2013 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference tournament as they fell to the number two seed Philander Smith College 65-45 at Barton Coliseum in Little Rock. The game was dubbed "The Battle of the HipHopPrez" since Dillard's president (Dr. Walter Kimbrough, a.k.a. the 'HipHopPrez') spent the last seven years as Philander's president.

The only challenge that he gave Dillard's athletic teams before the year started was to "defeat Philander Smith," but the championship game loss allowed Philander Smith to take a 4-3 lead in the overall head to head match up this season against Dillard (volleyball & basketball combined).

Norvel Shelby, '16, had a solid game for Dillard with 12 points, four rebounds, two steals and one assist, but Jarrain Jenkins, '16, had the worst shooting performance of his stellar season, going 1-for-16 from the field as he finished with just three points but grabbed 14 rebounds and added one steal.

Tyrone Williams, '16 and Jenkins were both named to the 2013 GCAC All-Tournament team.



# FOOD FOR THOUGHT



1. Rev. Jim Wallis discusses the moral and ethical responsibility of elected officials. Seated, Rav'en Duncan, '15, Julia Hendrieth, '17 and President Kimbrough  
2. Michael Eric Dyson (center) with President Kimbrough, (far left), and the Brain Food Team celebrate the first lecture of the series. 3. Dr. Clarence B. Jones recalls his first encounter with Dr. King and his subsequent relationship as advisor and speech writer. 4. Rev. Wallis, Brittanie Maurice, '17 (left) and her mother Cyntrella Brewer







## President's Brain Food Series Feeds the Mind, Body and Soul

President Walter Kimbrough's lecture series *Brain Food* promises to tantalize the mind like New Orleans' chefs tickle the palates of those indulging in the city's culinary delights. Dillard University aims to cultivate a new culture of thought and spiritual growth and knowledge imparted during "Brain Food."

"Let me be your chef of creative cuisine of critical countenance of consumption," Dr. Kimbrough told an audience attending the opening of the lecture series in April. After learning what *Brain Food* aims to deliver, Dr. Michael Eric Dyson launched the series with a dynamic speech examining the "injustice of justice for just us."

"When we look at justice only in our eyes we are only replicating what's done in the broader society..." said Dyson. "Justice is not just for some at the behest of others."

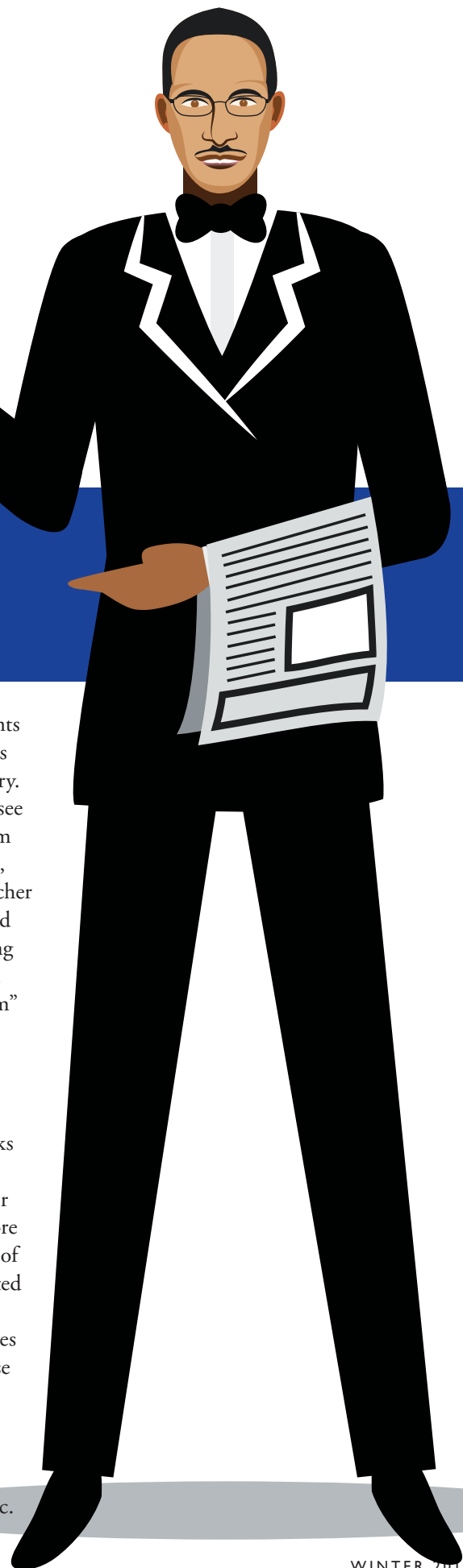
The second *Brain Food* speaker, Dr. Clarence B. Jones, spoke on Sept. 24 in the Georges Auditorium. As one of the writers of the speech Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., delivered following the March on Washington, Jones

provided first-hand accounts of the historic event in this country's civil rights history.

"It was mesmerizing to see this man stop reading from the text that I had written, and transform into a preacher delivering his sermon," said Jones, explaining how King used a few lines of written text for the "I Have Dream" speech. "Everything after those first seven lines was done extemporaneously."

Both Dyson and Jones signed copies of their books and took photos with students and guests after their speeches. A reception before the event is held in honor of the speaker and their invited guests. And the program used for the event resembles a menu listing seven course items from "Grace" to "Dessert."

The *Brain Food* series is free and open to the public.





# A NEW PAGE FOR ACADEMICS

## Meet Dr. Yolanda W. Page, '91, New VP of Academic Affairs

**D**r. Yolanda W. Page smiles a lot. And her smile says she's a team builder, the type of leader who will carry the bricks, spread the mortar and push the wheelbarrow uphill to motivate her colleagues to participate in creating something great.

"I'm not going to ask anyone to do anything I'm not willing to do," says Page who became Dillard's new Vice President of Academic Affairs in July. "I'm not in this alone. I've got a great

team who knows about the work we're doing. So I'm still creating my vision on where we're headed."

Dr. Page is familiar with Dillard University. She graduated in 1991 with her bachelor's degree in English and Business Management. From here she attended Louisiana State University where she earned her master's of arts and doctorate degrees in American and African American literature.

Dr. Page has served 20 years in academia as an instructor, director, department chair, assistant dean and dean. She has worked at the University

of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and Dillard University.

"I started my career here at Dillard and I met my husband here too," she says. "This university has really shaped my life."

She is married to David Page, Vice President of Enrollment Management. They met through her sister Twyla Williams Levy, '99, who served as David's work study student before graduating with a nursing degree. The Pages have two children, Brooke, 4, and William, 10.

*Lyndon Catalan, '15 and Aaliyah Wilson, '17 with Dr. Yolanda Page, new Vice President of Academic Affairs.*



Balancing family and career may appear easy for Dr. Page. She is the oldest of five children, and grew up in Shreveport. Yolanda Williams Page set her goals on college life and building a career around her academic prowess, which culminated into a family life centered on education.

"I had to be the one in my family to set the example," she says. "I'm really organized and I like to make sure everyone is doing what is supposed to be done. Education was always seen as key to my family's success. I'm working to make sure our faculty knows that this is how I see Dillard University too. We are here to build a sustainable, solid academic structure that today's student can use to build successful futures, too."

Notable changes to occur in Academic Affairs under Dr. Page's leadership are the creation of a new college and an employee appreciation ceremony. She created the College of Health Sciences, which encompasses the Schools of Nursing and Public Health. Interim Dean Dr. Mary Green is heading this new College. The remaining Colleges include Business, General Studies, and Arts and Sciences.

During the Fall Faculty/Staff institute held in August, Dr. Page also implemented honoring long-serving staff and faculty for their years of dedication and commitment to the institution.

"That is something we all can appreciate and look forward to each year," she said. "Some of our staff and faculty have spent a great part of their careers making Dillard University what it is today. I think this is a way of telling them 'Thank You' for their time, effort and love of this great institution."



*Math and Actuarial Science major, Jasmine S. Caldwell, '15 with Professor Hong Dai in his Math 350: Theory of Interest class.*

## New Majors Expand Students' Choices in Humanities, Social Sciences and STEM

With New Orleans becoming known as "Hollywood South" Dillard University students stand a strong chance of succeeding in the movie industry by earning a bachelor's degree in film studies that's now being offered for the first time in the institution's history. "Our film program has already made a reputable impact on producers and directors that have used our students as interns and in key positions for crews working on projects filmed on our campus," said Cortheal Clark, Chairman of the School of Humanities who also teaches courses in theater and film. "But what's even more promising is that our film graduates can launch their careers right here in New Orleans."

Film making is among four new majors students can choose as a result of changes in the university's degree programs. Other new majors include actuarial science, which is the discipline that applies mathematical and statistical methods to assess risk in insurance, finance, business, government and other industries and professions. This degree program is offered through the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

Social Work and Criminal Justice are also new majors students can declare through the College of Social Sciences. Dillard University's new majors give our students expanded choices among some of the most popular in today's job market.





# POWER IN THE HOUSE

## Political Giants Meet at DU to share Atlanta's Lessons for 21<sup>st</sup>-Century New Orleans

**T**hree New Orleans' native sons met on Dillard's campus last spring to take lessons from Atlanta and apply them to New Orleans' efforts at becoming a city equipped to attract Olympic-size events and projects.

Former U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young, New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu and the Honorable Marc Morial, president and CEO of the National Urban League converged for the "New Orleans in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Lessons from the Making of Modern Atlanta."

"Once people see that things are safe,

honest and unchallenged [by bureaucratic wrangling] they'll do business with you," Young told the panel and audience regarding how he and other Atlanta officials navigated that city's political culture to attract major businesses, and become the host site of the 1996 Summer Olympics.

The March 12 program was held in the Georges Auditorium of Dillard's Professional Schools and Sciences Building. State and local officials attended. Norman Robinson, news anchor for WDSU-TV, moderated the event.

*Above: L-R: Mitch Landrieu, Andrew Young, Kimbrough, and Mark Morial.*



Other topics the panel discussed included minority business joint ventures in city contracts; public-sector leverage of private-sector resources to preserve public institutions; and the role of education, sports, transportation and hospitality in creating a cycle of economic growth.

“It’s amazing to sit here and listen to Andrew Young,” said New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu. “...I don’t want to go back to 1960. Back then we had more people living here than in Houston and Atlanta. In this economic climate where there’s trillions of dollars out there, we need to consider what they did in Atlanta...have good constructive discussions and dream big.”

Landrieu and Morial, a previous

mayor, agreed that New Orleans should build on the momentum of the 2013 Super Bowl. “There needs to be a plan that brings everyone to the table to collaborate,” Morial said, noting that during his administration, political meandering would sometimes interfere with progress.

Going forward, with Atlanta as a model, Landrieu said he hopes to see more political cohesion in developing strategies for celebrating the city’s 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018.

“Let’s make this like our Olympics,” he said. “We will have a vision for that day and if we can get to a mindset of building big, that’ll be the ticket. Atlanta has showed us how this is possible.”

*Norman Robinson moderates program featuring Mitch Landrieu, Andrew Young and Marc Morial*





*Flooding from Hurricane Katrina ravaged residence halls. These photos were taken before the renovation.*

# HISTORY RESTORED

## Katrina-Ravaged Residence Halls Reopen with 21st Century Amenities

No one could have imagined that it would take nearly eight years for Dillard University to restore three historic buildings to full use after the ravages of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. But after a series of challenges and red tape, Straight, Hartzell, and Camphor Halls are now open. Straight, serving male students and Hartzell for females, opened in August. Camphor Hall opened in October for female occupants. With these three campus-based facilities back online, the university now accommodates 325 more students. Built in the 1930s and 1940s, the buildings have been updated featuring modern amenities such as Wi-Fi rooms, motion-censored lighting, security cameras, and elevators.

This restoration project was no small feat. Keith McKendall, assistant vice president of facilities management, said it was bogged in bureaucratic funding snags, insurance claims, and construction snares. With all three facilities listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Dillard had to meet strict guidelines in restoring the buildings. The National Park Service, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the State Preservation Office of Louisiana

coordinated efforts behind the \$23 million restoration project.

In addition to living in remodeled residence halls, students will learn life skills through a new Residential Learning Initiative, according to Dr. Demetrius Johnson, dean of students and director of residential life.

“Students have embraced the new residence halls and the new Residential Learning Initiative,” said Johnson, noting that through workshops, group sessions and special programs students will develop stronger skills in managing conflicts, collaborative planning and self-governance. “Over time, our residential program will be known for its focus on student achievement building, and social awareness training.”

Sophomore Adam Berry of Gardena, Calif., compared living in Straight Hall to living in a hotel, but without the room service. “It’s modernized, and ambiance wise, it’s good.”

Life in Camphor allows freshman Aamina Green, of New Iberia, La., to maintain her privacy and still be apart of a vibrant student-life community. “I really like the setup of the suite [with] the bathrooms located between the rooms. You still have your privacy and the ability to come into your room without disturbing your roommate.”





*Straight Hall (21,903 sq. ft.) was built in 1935 and named after Seymour Straight. It serves as a male residence hall.*



*Courtyard between Hartzell and Camphor Halls. Camphor Hall (43,424 sq. ft.) was built in 1947, and is named in honor of Alexander Camphor, college president and missionary. It serves as a female residence hall.*



*Danielle Dill, '17, in her new room in Camphor Hall*



*Hartzell Hall (28,243 sq. ft.) was built in 1934 and named in honor of Joseph C. Hartzell, missionary bishop in the Methodist Church of Africa. It serves as a female residence hall.*





Marc A. Barnes  
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

## Dear Alumni, Students and Friends:

It was with sincere faith, humility and gratitude that I took the position of Vice President for Institutional Advancement in February 2013. I have tremendous faith in our new president and his ability to lead a new era of academic excellence for our University. I remain humbled in the face of all that was accomplished by my predecessor, Dr. Walter Strong, and the \$70 million *Advantage Dillard!* Campaign he oversaw. I am grateful to augment that campaign with fundraising and outreach efforts centered on making our students' time at Dillard more enriching, more inspiring, and more likely to lead them to rewarding futures.

The centerpiece of our new fundraising efforts is the *Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough Student Aid for Financial Emergencies (SAFE) Fund*. This fund helps our students face that all too familiar gap between their financial aid package and the total cost of attending Dillard. Far too often, a student with the grades, intellect, and ambition is unable to complete college due to financial hardship. The fund supports these students, whose average family income is \$31,500 a year. As they build prosperous futures that represent our Dillard values of strength and courage, we are obligated to make a good-faith effort to reduce any financial burdens that might hinder their success.

Giving, however, does not start and end with the SAFE Fund. Other priorities for this year include: The General Scholarship Fund, which helps to attract the most qualified students from across the country; The Fair Dillard Fund is for unrestricted gifts that support the University's operations; The Gleaming White and Spacious Green Fund maintains our infrastructure; and academic and other university programs.

We have a lot of work ahead of us. I am excited to have talented and dedicated new hires in the Development, Alumni Relations and Marketing & Communications departments. They join our veteran staff in finding new ways to reach out to the Dillard community and ensure that our funding needs are being met. You can find out more about them in the panel to the left.

Now, it is with great humility that I ask anyone associated with Dillard to make a gift this year. My faith is in the many people who will read this request and meet the call for support. My gratitude is extended to all who have given thus far.

Sincerely,

Marc A. Barnes  
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

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### Dr. Strong Honored

The Dream Girls Pre-Commencement Scholarship Benefit, May 9, 2013, celebrated and recognized Dr. Walter Strong and the co-chairs of the Advantage Dillard! Capital Campaign for raising \$70 million.

**1.** L-R, President Kimbrough and Joyce Roché, '70, board chairperson recognize Trustee Michael Jones, '82, campaign co-chair, and Dr. Walter L. Strong, former executive vice president for their efforts in completing a successful campaign. Trustee Pres Kabacoff (not pictured) also served as campaign co-chair. **2.** Rahim Glaspy, '17, captures audience as Jimmy Early. **3.** Dream girls, l-r, Dot'Toya Jones, (Lorrell), Cherelle Palmer, '13, (Michelle), Der'Andra Tucker, '12, (Deena), and Chrishira Perrier, '16, (Effie) **4.** Cast and crew react to Jennifer Holliday's spellbinding performance of "I'm A Telling You" at the end of the show.





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## FROM THE DUNAA PRESIDENT



*Pamela Francois, '79, BS, MAEd*

### Fellow Alumni,

We welcome the leadership of Dillard University's seventh President, Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough! Celebrating Dr. Kimbrough's Inauguration during Dillard's Founders' Day Observance provided a unique moment for all to reflect on our heritage and the profound contributions Dillard has made in our lives and to the larger society. Alumni must reaffirm our commitment to our Alma Mater as we look boldly with Dr. Kimbrough to the future. For this most important endeavor, we congratulate him and it is my privilege to pledge the support of the Dillard University National Alumni Association, Inc. (DUNAA) and the thousands of DU Alumni the world over.

Your DUNAA National Executive Board would like this second biennium to focus on continuously increasing our membership rolls in order that we might accomplish even more and contribute much, much more to the university. As stewards of this institution, we must continue to generously support university activities and priorities with our time, expertise and enthusiasm. And because we recognize the significance (especially with today's unique challenges) of continuously increasing our monetary contributions, we must work harder to make a significant impact there as well. We should also return to Dillard whenever possible to give back as members of the faculty and staff, trustees and also as parents. Everyone must do their part to ensure the longevity and prosperity of our "Fair Dillard University."

Now is a great time to make your Annual Monetary Gift to our Alma Mater. In spite of changes in governmental financial aid programs and a lackluster economy, our students deserve "a fighting chance" to complete their education and reach their professional goals, just as we had. "Family" looks out for one another and here's our chance to prove we are who we say we are: "A Family." Students are counting on us to "give back" just some of what Dillard gave to us. Dr. Kimbrough's SAFE Fund is the perfect vehicle to do just that! Please don't let them down.

Remember that we each have a responsibility to Dillard and we must honor that responsibility for a lifetime because, "We are Forever DU!"

See you soon "On the Yard,"

Pamela H. Francois, '79

*President, Dillard University National Alumni Association, Inc.*

*Member, Dillard University Board of Trustees*



## ALUMNI UPDATES

**Dr. Joan R. Campbell, '57** celebrated her retirement after a 55-year career as an educator providing extraordinary service as a teacher, administrator and, curriculum specialist. She will enjoy her retirement by pursuing her lifelong dream of teaching future education majors, and writing a book titled, *Joan's Menu for Effective Teaching in the First Thirty Days of School*.

**Otto W. Duncan, Jr., '62** celebrated his eighth year as pastor of the Historic St. James A. M. E. Church in New Orleans on Oct. 13, 2013. Travis Chase represented Dillard University at the event along with Nezrene James from the Office of Alumni Relations. Duncan is a lifelong member of the church and has written several preservation grants to assist in its restoration following Hurricane Katrina. He recently led the congregation in obtaining a \$5.5 million dollar tax credit development grant. The grant is being used to build a 31-unit low-income apartment complex that will include a community center. Duncan also serves as the National Chaplain of the Dillard University National Alumni Association.



Otto W. Duncan, Jr., '62

**Gilbert Fletcher, '70**, created an art piece titled, *Henrietta-Katrina-Henrietta* that has been accepted for The Black Heritage Through Visual Rhythms exhibitions at the National

Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center in Wilberforce, Ohio, Nov. 2 – Jan. 31, 2014. This piece is an oil painting on a wooden box. It displays a portrait of Henrietta who is 90 years old. She returned to New Orleans to see her home of 60 years moved by the force of the floodwaters in the Lower Ninth Ward.



Gilbert Fletcher, '70

**Dr. Joyce Roché, '70** who chairs the Dillard University Board of Trustees and serves as secretary of the Park Place Outreach Board of Directors has a new book, *The Empress Has No Clothes: Conquering Self-Doubt to Embrace Success*.



Dr. Joyce Roché, '70

**Judge Carl Stewart, '71** was recently awarded the Honorary Doctor of Laws by Centenary College.

**Dr. Gayedelle Lang, '73**, has been named Senior Advisor of Campus Turnaround at the Texas Education Agency. She will work to identify and assist struggling charter schools in Texas to prevent

potential disruptions in the education of students.

**Minister E. Dwight Franklin, '75**, a nationally renowned composer, musician, conductor, and vocalist who has performed with artists such as Yolanda Adams, was honored last May in recognition of his 50 years of service to gospel music.

**Dr. Juanakee Adams, '77** who was the first African-American female to be licensed to practice optometry in the city of Birmingham, Ala., and the state of Alabama, is among the top five minority business owners to receive the 2013 Best in Minority Business Award. As part of her commitment to serve, she has created The Juanakee Adams Initiative for Excellent Eye Care and Optimum Health, to provide eye care to the underserved in Jefferson County and surrounding communities.

**Brenda Marie Osbey, '78** has recently released a new book titled *History and Other Poems*.

**Yolanda King, '79** was recently elected a judge of Juvenile Court in Orleans Parish. She hosted her swearing-in ceremony last June at Dillard University in the Georges Auditorium.

**Dr. Dwayne Thomas, '80** has joined the executive management team of Dignity Health, Inland Empire, Community Hospital of San Bernardino and St. Bernadine Medical Center as the Vice President of Medical Affairs.

**Dr. Yvette M. Alex-Assensoh, '88** has joined the University of Oregon as Vice-President for Equity and

Inclusion, with the responsibility of collaboratively-leading the University of Oregon's efforts to embed inclusion, equity and diversity in its institutional practices, policies, and norms.



**Dr. Yvette Alex-Assensoh, '88**

**Lewis R. Brown, '91**, an environmental toxicologist with the U.S. EPA in the Office of Pesticides and founder/CEO of the Brown Foundation has initiated a series of tactics designed to decrease Afro-American and Latin parental non-involvement in the education careers of their children at the elementary and middle school levels.

**Katina January-Vance, '94** and husband Reggie Vance have launched a gift basket company, Baskets Bayou, LLC.

**Dr. Tara T. Green, '95**, was recently promoted to full professor of African American Literature and Gender Studies and is also serving as the Director of African American Studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She was invited to present on her book, *Presenting Oprah Winfrey, Her Films and African American Literature* at the Louisiana Book Festival on Nov. 2 in the State Library Capitol View Room.

**Derek Bardell, '97**, an adjunct instructor of Business Administration at Delgado Community College, was elected Chairman of Delgado's Care and

Development of Young Children (CDYC) Board of Advisors.



**Derek Bardell, '97**

**Adria M.T. Owens, '98** and Jerard Owens, welcomed son Josiah Ezra Andrew Owens on Sept. 5, 2013, at 10:34 a.m., weighing in at 7.02 pounds and 19 inches.



**Josiah Ezra Andrew Owens**

**Letitia Dillard, '00**, and Marvin D. Birks Jr. will marry in an April 2014 ceremony in Lawless Chapel. Letitia is a senior director in the Corporate Mergers and Acquisitions group at Citigroup, Inc. in New York.



**Letitia Dillard, '00**

**Dr. Africa Harris-Johnson, '01** married Yancey Johnson in a beautiful ceremony

surrounded by family and friends on the Florida coast in September.

**Delicia Daniels, '02** has recently created and published the literary journal, *Lone Star Legacy: Poetry, Prose, and History in Texas* which details the struggles, existence, and triumphs of trailblazing men and women who have contributed to African-American history throughout Texas.

**Dr. Sean I. Gibbs, '03** and **Sojourner Abdullah Gibbs, '03** recently celebrated their 5th Wedding Anniversary. Dr. Gibbs is the Chair of the Mt. San Jacinto College, Alcohol & Drug Studies Department.



**Dr. Sean I. Gibbs, '03 and Sojourner Abdullah Gibbs, '03**

**Jocquise Robinson, '03** is a recent addition at the *Pensacola News Journal* serving as a copy editor.



**Jocquise Robinson, '03**

**Crystal Allen Dallas, '04** was named to the West Board of Regents of the U.S. Chamber's Institute for Organization

**KAPPA ALAPHA PSI Fraternity, Inc., Beta Gamma Chapter Alumni**, the brothers of this fraternity gathered to contribute a notable sum to the Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough SAFE Fund (Student Aid for Financial Emergencies Fund) which, contributes emergency funding assistance to retain Dillard students who may otherwise be forced to forfeit attending school due to short term financial hardships. This group challenges other members of the Divine Nine to match their efforts and send in donations on behalf of their organizations.



Management. She will serve as vice president of membership development of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce to the West Board of Regents.



*Crystal Allen Dallas, '04*

**Angela Chalk, '06** has received her Master of Science Degree in Health Care Management from the University of New Orleans.



*Angela Chalk, '06*

**Channing Bias, '08** and **Derek Smith, '03** were married in the Dillard University Chapel last spring.



*Channing Bias, '08 and Derek Smith, '03*

**Andrew J. Webber, '13** has recently begun his post as the Executive Deputy Assistant to the New Orleans Deputy Mayor of External Affairs. He is also a graduate student at Loyola University of New Orleans, studying pastoral studies with a concentration in youth ministry.

## CHAPTER NEWS



### Houston Chapter Back Online Certified and Ready to Thrive

The Dillard University National Alumni Association (DUNAA) recertified the Houston chapter on Oct. 5, which means we now have 600 Dillard graduates reconnected to their alma mater. The chapter elected its five required core officers: Dr. Mtangulizi Sanyika (aka Hayward Henry), '63, as President, Nathaniel Welch, '03, Vice President, Jessica Gibbs, '04, Secretary, Jasmine Johnson, '02, Treasurer and Dr. Bethany Williams, '03, Parliamentarian.

In addition to electing new officers, the chapter elected an initial work plan of activities including: student recruitment, scholarship fundraising, a welcome home holiday reception for existing and perspective Houston students and their parents, a community service project, and the annual choir concert.

### Alumni Directory in Progress

Dillard University is working with Harris Connect to produce an alumni directory scheduled for publication in 2014. In the coming months, you may receive postcards, emails or phone calls from Harris Connect asking for updated contact information. We would appreciate your cooperation in updating your contact information. All updates are returned to Dillard University so that our database remains current. Harris Connect is only collecting information for purposes of the directory. It is a great way to stay connected to the Dillard University alumni community!

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### Coaches and students help out with Alumni Reunion Weekend

DU's Athletic Director KiKi Barnes and Coach Norbert Rome volunteered at this year's Alumni Reunion Weekend. Other volunteers included LaKeena Joyner, '14, Kieaerra Harris, '14, and Yasmenn Pittman, '14. The Office of Alumni Affairs appreciates all Alumni and pre-alumni volunteers for their hard work and dedication.



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## REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED

These are Dillard University Alumni who have passed away  
October 2012 to November 2013.

Irene Thomas Reed, '25

Grace Thornton Bassett, '37

Mitchell Spellman, '40

Marie Pierce Jones, '41

Dorothy Gayler Becnel, '43

Joseph W. Davis, '48

Naomi Phillips Turnley, '55

Bernadine Charles, '56

Alda Von Phul Granderson '58

Delores Humphrey Chriss, '58

James Woolfork, '58

Marie Frank Church, '59

Donald Humphrey, '62

Percell Church, '62

Douglas Anderson, '63

Betsy Payton, '64

Brenda H. Owens, '71

Earl Washington, '74

George M. Coulter, '87

*Loving Memories Live on Forever*





*Tiffany Ann Scott , Miss Dillard 2012-2013 crowns Amber Nicole Tramel, Miss Dillard 2013-2014 during a coronation ceremony in November. Scott began her reign in the spring of 2013 when John'e'tra Trotter was unable to serve out her full term. Scott is currently working as a Wireless Consultant for Verizon and plans to attend graduate school next year.*



## SAVE THE DATES!

January 17–20

*Martin Luther King  
Holiday Week of Peace*

January 23

*Brain Food Lecture: Dr. Sampson Davis*

January 31

*Staged Reading of Crumbs from the  
Table Joy  
Cook Theater*

February 12

*Sex Week: Kenny Pugh*

February 14–16, 21–22

*A Land Beyond the River  
Cook Theater*

Feb. 27

*Billy Ray Hobley Scholarship Gala*

March 1

*Allstate Sugar Bowl Bleu Devil Classic  
Dillard vs. Xavier*

March 12

*Brain Food Lecture: Dr. Joyce Roche, '70*

March 25

*Honor's Convocation*

March 28–30

*Home Girls  
Cook Theater*

March 30

*Spring Concert*

April TBD

*Spring Festival*

April 2

*National Black College Hall of Fame  
Legacy Lecture*

April 4–6

*Home Girls  
Cook Theater*

May 8–11

*Reunion Week*

May 9

*Baccalaureate*

May 10

*Commencement*



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## BE A PART OF THE LEGACY



L-R: Dr. Eartha Johnson, '80, psychology professor; Melanie Martin, '13; Shautera Clofer, '13; Dr. Lana Chambliss, '88, chairperson of School of Social Sciences

### *Join the Heritage and Legacy Society*

Dillard's Heritage and Legacy Society is made up of individuals of all ages who have made or would like to make planned gifts by will or designated beneficiary of life insurance, retirement funds or charitable trusts, or through charitable gift annuities.

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